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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, and 11 as indicated below.

A complete listing of all claims is presented below with insertions underlined (e.g., insertion), and deletions struckthrough or in double brackets (e.g., ~~deletion~~ or ~~[[deletion]]~~):

1. (Currently Amended) A video system for presenting content from a content provider to a user, comprising:

a tuner configured to select a program from a plurality of programs, wherein the tuner transmits a first analog signal representing the selected program via a first connection and transmits a second analog signal representing the selected program via a second connection;

an analog output port coupled to the tuner via the first connection to receive the first analog signal representing the selected program from the tuner, wherein the analog output port is configured to be connectable to ~~[[a]]~~an external storage device to transmit the first analog signal representing the selected program to the external storage device;

an analog signal processing circuit coupled to the tuner via the second connection to receive the second analog signal representing the selected program from the tuner and to generate a digital representation of the second analog signal;

a first interface module configured to be connectable to the external storage device to receive recorded programs from the external storage device; and

an overlay module coupled to the analog signal processing circuit and to the first interface module, the overlay module configured to selectively overlay information to a program received from one of the analog signal processing circuit and the first interface module.

2. (Original) The system of Claim 1, further comprising an encoder coupled to the overlay module and connectable to a display device for presenting the selected program to a user.

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3. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 2, wherein the analog output port and the first interface module are configured to couple to the external storage device in a parallel manner so that a selected program is recorded prior to overlaying the overlay information.

4. (Original) The system of Claim 1, wherein the tuner outputs the selected program at a digital output when the selected program is represented by a digital signal.

5. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 4, wherein the first interface module is part of a digital signal processing circuit, wherein the digital signal processing circuit further includes a decoder coupled to be selectively in communication with the first interface module and the digital output of the tuner, wherein the decoder is configured to decompress the digital signal representing the selected program received from the digital output of the tuner, and to decompress a digital signal representing a recorded program received from the external storage device via the first interface module.

6. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 1, wherein the external storage device is included within a digital video recorder, and wherein the digital video recorder is coupled to the analog output port and to the first interface module.

7. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 6, wherein the digital video recorder includes a video digitizer and an encoder that convert the first analog signal representing the selected program into a compressed, digital signal, and wherein the digital video recorder further includes a storage medium that records the compressed, digital signal representing the selected program.

8. (Original) The system of Claim 6, wherein the tuner outputs the selected program at a digital output when the selected program is represented by a digital signal.

9. (Original) The system of Claim 8, wherein the digital video recorder further includes a second interface module in communication with the first interface module, and wherein the second interface module of the digital video recorder is configured to receive digital signals from the first interface module for recording on the storage medium and to retrieve recorded programs from the storage medium.

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10. (Original) The system of Claim 9, wherein the digital video recorder further includes a video data stream manager coupled between the encoder, the interface module and the storage medium, and wherein the video data stream manager controls access to the storage medium.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of presenting content from a content provider to a user, comprising:

selecting a program from a plurality of programs;

transmitting a first analog signal representing the selected program via a first connection and transmitting a second analog signal representing the selected program via a second connection;

transmitting the first analog signal representing the selected program to [[a)]an external storage device via an analog output for recording the selected program on the external storage device;

converting the second analog signal representing the selected program to a digital representation of the second analog signal; and

overlaying information to one of the selected programprograms represented by the digital representation of the second analog signal and a recorded program retrieved from the external storage device.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 11, further comprising formatting the overlaid program and the overlay information for presentation to a user.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 11, further comprising transmitting the selected program at a digital output if the selected program is represented by a digital signal.

14. (Original) The method of Claim 13, further comprising decoding the digital signal and a signal representing the recorded program.